

REMARKS

The Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 12, and 24 is noted with appreciation. Claims 11, 13, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being identical to amended Claims 5, 8, and 6, respectively. By the foregoing amendment, Claims 11, 13, and 14 have been canceled from the application, and the Examiner's rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is now moot.

OTHER MATTERS

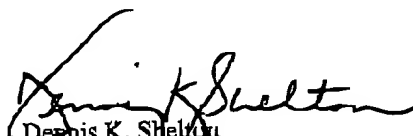
In a previous Examiner's action mailed May 9, 2001, the Examiner rejected claims in this application under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,153,618. In response thereto, a terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith. This issue is now moot.

CONCLUSION

Remaining Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 12, and 24 have been allowed. Entry of the foregoing amendment canceling Claims 11, 13, and 14, and issuance of a formal notice of allowability/notice of allowance is requested. The Examiner is further requested to contact applicants' representative at the phone number set forth below to discuss any issues that may remain in this application.

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In the Claims

Claims 11, 13, and 14 have been canceled.

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